

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

**ABSTRACT**

~~It is an object of the present invention to provide an air-conditioning outdoor unit that can be made compact and reduce noise, and which has excellent assemblability. In the~~ An air-conditioning outdoor unit of the present invention, has a pair of primary ports (6a), (6b) of a four-way switching valve that (2) is connected to a discharge port (1a) and an intake port (1b) of a compressor (1). A first secondary port (7a) of a pair of secondary ports (7a), (7b) of the four-way switching valve (2) is connected to an external connection port (11), and ~~the~~ a second secondary port (7b) is connected to an outdoor heat exchanger-3. Flexible pipes (20), (21) are inserted between the ~~one~~ first secondary port (7a) and the external connection port (11) and between the ~~other~~ second secondary port (7b) and the outdoor heat exchanger (3).